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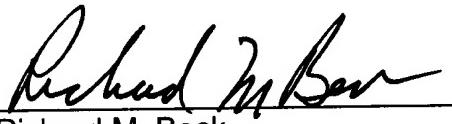
The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office Action dated January 5, 2004, and the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, for the following reasons.

As noted in the outstanding Action, claims 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, and 21 are directed to allowance subject matter. Claims 12, 13, 15 and 19 have now been rewritten in independent form and are in condition for allowance. Also, claims 19, 20 and 21 depend from claim 18 either directly or indirectly. All of the other claims in the application have been canceled.

Accordingly, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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